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SUBJECT: LEFEVRE CASE

REF: LAGOS 9782

1. ACCORDING TO RITTER, THE LAGOS STATE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTION FOLLOWED THE ANTICIPATED SCRIPT HCREFTEL) ATE THE COURT SESSION ON AUGUST 11 BY REQUESTING A LONG ADJOURNMENT IN ORDER TO FILE INFORMATION WITH THE HIGH COURT ON A CRIMINAL CASE. EGBE OBJECTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE ILLEGAL TO TRANSFER THE CASE TO THE HIGH COURT BECAUSE THE ACCUSED (LEFEVRE AND EGBE) HAD ELECTED SUMMARY TRIAL AND THE TRIAL HAD ACTUALLY BEGUN WITH THE ISSUE OF SUBPOENA TO WITNESSES. CHIEF MAGISTRATE FAMAKINWA THEN FIXED AUGUST 17 AS THE DATE TO HEAR AND CONSIDER THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF EGBE'S ARGUMENT.

2. THE OTHER PRINCIPAL POINT MADE BY EGBE WAS THAT

HE WAS ACCUSED OF STEALING MONEY THAT HAD OBVIOUSLY
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NOT BEEN LOST BY ANYBODY BECAUSE THERE WAS NO COMPLAINT IN THE CHARGE. THE CHARGE IS THAT LEFEVRE AND EGBE CONSPIRED AND STOLE 450,000 NAIRA PROPERTY OF THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF NIGERIA LTD. BETWEEN NOVEMBER 28 OF LAST YEAR AND FEBRUARY 10 OF THIS YEAR.

3. WE WILL REPORT THE OUTCOME OF THE AUGUST 17
HEARING.
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